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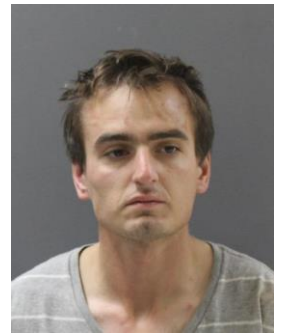
P.A.N.T. Search Warrant nets stolen property, including guns, along with drugs and 2 Arrests – including a Probationer

On the morning of August 24, 2016, detectives from the Partners Against Narcotics Trafficking (PANT) task force served a search warrant at a home in the 1000 block of Opal Drive, Prescott. Detectives had developed evidence of meth and heroin sales from the home.

As deputies entered the home, a female identified as 47-year-old Rebecca Saiz, was detained. She is on active probation with a current probation violation warrant. A male, later identified as 24-year-old Michael Pace, ran out of a south facing door and was caught after a short foot chase and Taser stun gun deployment.



Saiz



Pace

During a search of the residence, detectives found methamphetamine, heroin, opioid based prescription pills packaged for individual sale, drug paraphernalia, meth pipes, and 2 handguns. The type of drug paraphernalia observed indicated heavy drug/narcotic use involving both meth and heroin. The quantity of drugs seized included nearly 2 ounces of meth with a street value exceeding \$4000, and more than 16 grams of heroin with a street value exceeding \$2400. A records check of the handguns revealed both had been reported stolen earlier this year.

As detectives continued checking the home, they found (3) high quality mountain bikes and during investigative follow-up, learned that all 3 had been stolen. The 3 bikes have a total value of more than \$10,000. The bike owners have since been contacted and expressed overwhelming gratitude for the recovery of their bikes.

Saiz was booked at the Camp Verde Detention Center on charges including Possess/Use Dangerous and Narcotic Drugs, Possession of Narcotics/Drugs for Sale, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Misconduct Involving Weapons, and multiple counts of Trafficking in Stolen Property. She remains in-custody on a \$55,000 bond. Pace was booked on charges to include Possess/Use Dangerous and Narcotic Drugs, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Theft, Traffic Stolen Property, Resist Arrest, and Possession of a Firearm during commission of a Felony. He remains in-custody on a bond of \$17,500.

Investigation continues into the actions of the suspects related to drug and property crimes.

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